THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): I wanted at that time.

Report of Justices Thakkarnatrajan Commission of Enquiry

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): Sir, I lay *on* the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Report of Justices Thakkar-Natarajan Commission of Inquiry constituted under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952, to enquire into events and circumstances leading to the arrangements entered into with Fairfax Group Inc., together with Memorandum of the action taken thereon so far. [Placed in library. *See* No. LT—5249/87]

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Karnataka): Sir, may I make a submission?

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: (Pondicherry)-. No discussion.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I do not know the contents of the report; then, where is the question of discussion? (interruptions)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): Let me understand what he wants to say.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: My submission is the report has been laid on the Table of the House and we have not seen the report. Therefore tomorrow time may be allotted for discussion of this report.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI); BAC is meeting tomorrow and it can be taken up there.

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI; Copies are being circulated. *{Interruptions)*

ThE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Don't announce that there will be a discussion tomorrow.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI); I said that ihe Business Advisory Committee is meeting tomorrow. That is what I have said. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI M. M. JACOB: That is not what he said. That is why I wanted to clarify. ^*Interruptiom)*

SHRl LAL K. ADVANI (Madhya Pradesh): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, my colleagues have not seen the re port nor have I nor any Member of the House except perhaps the Minis ter. But I have certainly seen the Agency Report *on* the summary of this report laid on the Table in the other House at 5'0 clock. I had been particular to find out some salient facts about the report. I find that our worst apprehensions have come true and the opening intro itself of the UNI report says that this report is an indictment of Mr. V. P. Singh. At that point of time, I recall when the Fairfax Commission was being ap pointed, we felt that instead of.....

(Intemiptions)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: No, this cannot be discussed in the House.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI); Mr. Advani, you have not seen the report.

SHRI LAL K .ADVANI: Sir, I have no reason to doubt this agency report because after it has been laid on the Table of the other House. (Interruptions)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI); How can you say?

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI; May I read out?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): No, no.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: I do not want to read out. (Interruptions). Let me complete in one minute. I will complete in one minute.

SHRI M. M. JACOB; I am on a point of order. This is being laid out here in pursuance of our assurance and also the practice and also a statutory notification, because it is like that. It is the convention here and also the precedent that a report when it is laid on the Table of the House, it is never discussed.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): No, he is not diseussing it.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: I am not discussing. Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir according to the Commissions of Inquiry Act itself, along with the report, an action taken report has to be submitted by the Government. Where is it? Till now very often a Commission's Report has been held back on the ground that unless the Government is ready with the action taken report, the report cannot be placed and today I find that it is only the Commission's report that is being placed and not the action taken report. Has the Government any explanation of this violation of the Schedule?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI); No, I will ask whether the Government is also going to place the action taken report'? (Interruptions) Let the Minister clarify. (lntermp tions)

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI: Sir, as per the rules, we have to submit and the time that is prescribed for submitting this report along with the action taken report is six months. So this report was submitted on 30th November *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI); Both are being

SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI; No, we are oramining this report. (Intemiptions)

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA (Uttar Pradesh): Please read it. It is together with Memorandum of the action take thereon so far.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): Will you allow me to understand or not?

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: They have not got it on the Table. (Intemiptions)

SHRl A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): I am on a point of order Sir. I agree that the report has been placed but it is said, "together with the Memorandum of the action taken thereon so far". It is the duty of the Government to do it. This is a halfhearted action. They must place before us.... *(Interruptionsy*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI); Let me hear the Minister. *(Interruptions)*

Yes, Mr. Poojari.

(Interruptions)

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY Let me know whether it has been laid on the Table. Has the memorandum of action been laid on the Table of the House?

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी : खाली कहने से नहीं होता है जब तक कि सबमिट न कर दें ।

SHRl JANARDHAN POOJARI; I will just submit. Even though six months' time was given and now as per this memorandum also it has been submitted, I will just verify whether it has reached or not. I am told that it has been sent to the Secretary. I will verify as to the memorandum of action also. *(Interruptions)*

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA (Andhr Pradesh); Mr. Vice-Chairman, I would like to be categorically informed whe ther as per the paper _____ (Interrup tions)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): Today, the business is to lay the papers *(Interrup-*

tions) No, No. You can raise it in another form. Let us hear what the Minister has to say. (Interruptions)

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA; This is offcial paper. It says that the memorandum of action so, far has been submitted. I would like to know whether it has been submitted.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI); I will read this. The • Government have accepted the fiti-of the Commission. The various recommendations of the Commission are under examination and action thereon will be placed on the Table of the House within the prescribed period under sec ion 3(4) of the Commissions of Inquiry Act. 1952." (lnterruptions) Now the House stands ..... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI-. No. The must be assured that this will be discussed thoroughly, (Interruptions)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI JAGESH DESAI): Now the House stands adjourned and will meet again on 10th December, 1937 at 11 a.m.

The House then adjourned at twenty-three minutes past six of the clock till eleven of the clock on Thursday, the 10th December, 1987.